



City of Winston-Salem City Council
Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina
City Council Committee	Finance Committee
Meeting Date	August 11, 2026
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director
Department Head	Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director
City Manager/ACM	W. Patrick Pate, City Manager

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Recommended Council Action	Ordinance Approval
Suggested Action/ Motion	Motion to approve the ordinance amending the FY 26-27 budget ordinances
Options	
Strategic Focus Area	Good Government
Strategic Plan Objective	GG1: Delivering Efficient and Effective Core Services
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	Fiscal Impact Anticipated: See Analysis in Summary

Summary of Information

The proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget ordinance authorizes adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- Due to the delay in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announcing entitlement allocations, the City's budget for FY 2026-27 appropriated estimates for the following grants: \$2,029,462 in Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,229,981.53 in HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, \$177,650 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, and \$850,721 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds.

As a result of announcing entitlement allocations, the Neighborhood Services Department has now received increases of \$718 in ESG funds and \$56,434 in HOPWA funds; and decreases of \$2,886 in CDBG funds and \$52,831.62 in

HOME funds. The additional ESG funds will be used for eligible activities to prevent and address homelessness carried out by the City and eligible subrecipients, including emergency shelter, street outreach, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, data collection, and program administration. The additional HOPWA funds will be used for eligible housing assistance and supportive services—carried out by the City and eligible project sponsors—for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. The proposed amendment appropriates these additional funds and awards the amounts to the entities stated.

- The City of Winston-Salem has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$2.8M from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for water, wastewater, stormwater, and related park improvements in and adjacent to Runnymede Park. The proposed budget amendment appropriates \$2.8M in grant funding from the EPA. There is no local match associated with the grant.
- The City has received fee-in-lieu contributions for sidewalk construction along Meadowlark Road. The proposed budget amendment appropriates \$218,290 in additional revenue from developer contributions for sidewalk construction associated with the Meadowlark Drive Widening Project.
- The City received a rebate of \$11,820 from Duke Energy related to the Joe White Tennis Center Lighting Replacement Project. The proposed budget amendment appropriates the rebate from Duke Energy in the amount of \$11,820.

Appropriation of Occupancy Tax Fund Balance

- The proposed budget amendment appropriates \$125,000 in occupancy tax fund balance to cover the cost of bus service during the 2026 International Black Theatre Festival.

Appropriation of Information Technology Fund Balance

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$497,000 in Information Technology Fund balance to carry forward funding for security camera projects that were not completed in FY 2025-26 and remain active in FY 2026-27. The projects will replace aging Panasonic cameras with Verkada cameras and install new Verkada cameras at multiple City facilities, with all cameras integrated into the Winston-Salem Police Department's Real Time Crime Center. Planned locations include landfill facilities, recreation centers, the Fairgrounds, The Benton, the Parking Deck and Pavilion, and three WSTA sites, with a total estimated project cost of \$905,239. The requested carry-over will provide funding needed to complete these projects pending a new RFP and future Council approval for purchases exceeding current procurement authority.

Appropriation of Fleet Services Fund Balance for Equipment Replacement Approved in Prior Years

- The replacement of rolling stock and equipment for most City departments is budgeted in the Fleet Services fund. As this is an annual fund, budget must be reappropriated in the new fiscal year for the purchase of equipment that was approved for replacement in prior fiscal years. The proposed budget amendment appropriates \$14,900,500 in fund balance for equipment replacement in various city departments (\$4,900,500) as well as fire apparatus (\$10,000,000) that were approved for replacement in a prior year. Fleet charges to departments in prior years will cover the cost of replacement.

Attachments

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Committee Action	
For:	Against:
Remarks:	